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A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, May 1, 1907.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.
It is hereby notified that information has
been received from the MILITARY
AUTHORITIES that FIELD BURNETT
will be carried out on FRIDAY, the 24th
inst., and FRIDAY, the 25th inst., from
Kau Lung, that in the direction of Boston
Hill, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.
F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.
Hongkong, January 21, 1908.

LOST.

A Small half-bred Lemon and White
PINKNEY BIRTH.
Finder will be rewarded on returning to
Mrs. C. SMITH,
No. 3, Blue Buildings,
Hongkong, January 22, 1908.

SCOTTISH MASONIC QUADRILLE
ASSOCIATION.
A REGALIA DANCE will be held in
the CITY HALL, on FRIDAY, the
7th February. Disposition to wear
Regalia for English and Scotch Masons
has been received from the District Grand
Masters. No invitations to this Dance will
be issued after the 5th day of February.
A Launch will leave the Star Ferry
Wharf at 11 A.M. to convey Kowloon
residents back.
JOHN J. BLAKE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 22, 1908.

WANTED.

GOOD Second-hand MILLINERS' SAFE
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Hongkong, January 2, 1908.

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A YOUNG ENGLISH LADY would be
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Hongkong, January 6, 1908.

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WE have this day REMOVED our
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Powell, Ltd.).
CAMPBELL, MOORE & Co., Ltd.,
14 Des Voeux Road Central.
Hongkong, December 30, 1907.

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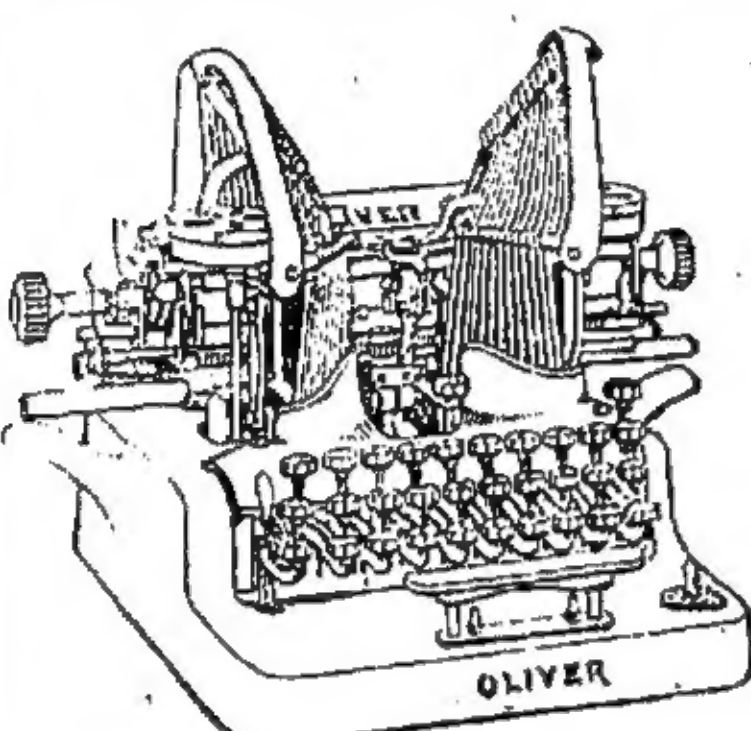
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Sole Agents.
Hongkong, December 12, 1907.

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(In aid of the Building Fund of Union
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THEATRE ROYAL,
on
SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY
(anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns).
1908, at 9 P.M.

BY kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel
M. S. RICH and the Officers of the
2nd 'Queen's Own' Cameron Highlanders
the Band and others of the Regiment will
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Hongkong, January 16, 1908.

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Hongkong, September 4, 1907.

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—Authorized Capital £3,000,000
—Subscribed Capital £2,750,000
—Paid-up Capital £2,527,500 0 0
—Fire Funds £3,382,720 19 6
—Life & Annuity Funds £13,722,898 8 0
£17,837,119 8 1
Revenue Fire Branch £1,061,044 19 6
Life & Annuity £1,713,808 19 10
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The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and
Life Departments are free from liability to
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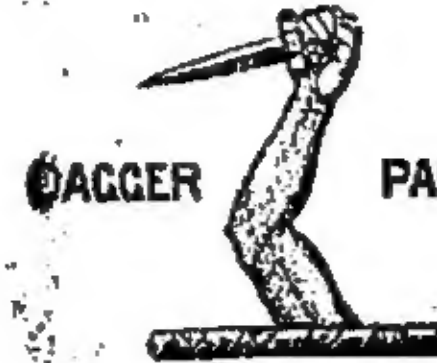
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TO LET—AT CANTON.
EIGHT-ROOMED HOUSE on SHAMEN.
Apply to 'A. B. 99,'
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Canton, January 22, 1908. 122

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 Rooms.
 Apply to 'L. B.,'
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 Hongkong, January 22, 1908. 12F

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Hongkong, January 4, 1908. 19

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WELLBURN, the Peak, 81, Mount
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c/o STOCKTON MILLING Co.,
Price's Building.
Hongkong, January 20, 1908. 108

TO LET.
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Road, Kowloon.
Apply
MESSRS FARRELL & LYSAUGHT.
Hongkong, September 9, 1907. 1462

TO BE LET—FURNISHED.
A SEVEN-ROOM HOUSE, on BARKER
ROAD
Apply to
DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.
Hongkong, January 17, 1908. 96

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 GEO. P. LAMMERT.
 Hongkong, September 25, 1907. 154
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One Four-Roomed House, at PEAY
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Apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, September 27, 1907. 1556

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Hongkong.
9, MOUNTAIN VIEW, Peak, Hongkong
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Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.
Hongkong, January 4, 1892. 22

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TOWER HOUSE; Ten Rooms; KEN
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Apply
MRS G. SACHSE, KINGSLEERE.
Hongkong, September 2, 1907. 1411
TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNUTSFORD TER
RACE, KOWLOON.
Apply to
**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.**
Hongkong, January 1, 1908. 20

TO LET.

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RESERVE FUNDS.....
Sterling.....\$10,000,000
Silver.....\$11,750,000

REVENUE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

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J. R. M. SMITH,
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Hongkong, January 12, 1908.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 12, 1907.

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000
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EVAN ORMISTON,
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Hongkong, May 1, 1907.

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JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Manager.

Hongkong, January 7, 1903.

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ON FIXED DEPOSITS:-
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For 3 months.....4 per cent.

TAKAO TAKAMOTO,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 6, 1907.

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Manager.

Hongkong, July 24, 1907.

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HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$800,475

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$242,718

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.....\$12,735

RESERVE FUND.....\$300,000

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Hongkong, September 23, 1906.

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A JAPANESE COMPLAINT.

Manchuria And Russian Goods.

Japanese papers complain of injustice regarding the opening of the Customs in Manchuria. It is pointed out that the Chinese Government notified to the Japanese Government that the Chinese Customs House in North Manchuria was opened on August 7th last, shortly after the opening of the Tairen Customs on July 1st. As a matter of fact, the Customs House in North Manchuria is not opened yet, the Russian and Chinese authorities having only come to an agreement as to the opening. They are still in dispute on the question of the tariff. In these circumstances, it is alleged, goods are coming in and going out of Manchuria duty free across the Siberian frontier, merchandise imported from Tairen being thus placed in a disadvantageous position compared with that imported in Manchuria and from Vladivostok. In particular Japanese cigarettes imported from Tairen are being lost supplanted in Manchuria by Russian cigarettes coming across the Siberian frontier, but there is probably another reason for this diminution in the purchase of Japanese cigarettes. It is alleged, however, that a serious influence is also exerted on goods exported from Manchuria. For instance, beans and oil cake shipped at Tairen or Newchwang are subjected to export duty imposed by the Chinese Customs, but the same commodities are sent duty free to Vladivostok, and it has been noticed that the quantity of beans and oil cake sent to Vladivostok is gradually increasing. It is also feared that the business of the South Manchurian Railway will be affected. The journals who make these complaints declare that the Japanese Government remains indifferent on the matter, merely saying that it will not hesitate to make a protest, should it be discovered that the allegations are correct.

AN EYE ON CHINA.

A "Birmingham Post" correspondent writes: Correspondence of a very important nature is, I learn, proceeding between the British and French Governments with regard to plans for common action for the construction of railways and telegraphs in China. The correspondence presupposes, it is said, the co-operation, at least, acquiescence, of Japan, and it is possible that the last-named Power has been, or is to be, employed as the medium of negotiations with China. What is certain is that the three Powers mentioned are severally and jointly prepared to carry out the schemes contemplated, provided that the Imperial Government in Peking be willing to give the requisite concessions.

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Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut. Comdr. Davidson	Shanghai
Britannia	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut. Comdr. Bamber	Hongkong
Cadmus	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. B. L. Majendie	Shanghai
Cherub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	—	Hongkong
Cicero	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. C. D. S. Raikes	Hongkong
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Fama	torpedo boat destroyer	350	—	3700	Lieut. Comdr. Gresson	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	7000	Capt. R. Nugent	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	—	—	Lieut. Comdr. W. H. Darwell	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	—	—	Lieut. Comdr. Dickson	Hongkong
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Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	—	3800	Lieut. Comdr. Freemantle	Hongkong
Kent	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Capt. Do. Horsey	Hongkong
King Alfred	cruiser, 1st class	14,000	14	30,000	Capt. Cecil F. Thureby, R.N.	Hongkong
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Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9900	—	—	Capt. A. J. Tuk	Hongkong
Nocton	river gunboat	18	—	800	La-Com. K. T. Yangtze	Hongkong
Orchinal	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut. Comdr. Bay	Hongkong
Orcer	torpedo boat destroyer	350	—	3700	Lieut. Comdr. J. Kiffin	Hongkong
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R. ndipw	river gunboat	85	9	240	La-Com. Toikol	West River
R. pe	river gunboat	85	2	240	La-Comdr. Tennison	Yangtze
R. cu	torpedo boat destroyer	250	6	6500	La-Comdr. D. Strach	Hongkong
R. ed	receiving ship	4680	—	—	Commodore Stiles	Hongkong
R. en	river gunboat	180	2	800	La-Comdr. Galfrey	Yangtze
R. hio	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut. Comdr. West	Shanghai
R. inge	torpedo boat destroyer	355	—	3800	Lieut. Comdr. Stevenson	Hongkong
R. iser which	surveying ship	620	—	450	Comdr. B. W. Glennie	Hongkong
R. lting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	—	3800	Lieut. Com. Cox	Hongkong
R. idgen	river gunboat	195	2	600	La-Comdr. G. B. Spicer-Sinior	Upper Yangtze
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HONGKONG, November 30, 1907.

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Noon—Auction of Household Furniture, 42, at No. 10, Padder's Street.

8 p.m.—Concert at City Hall.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 27:—

8 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the Public Works Department's Office.

Goods per Oceania undelivered after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28:—

11.15 a.m.—Meeting of The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of The West Point Building Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Noon—Auction of Houses and Land at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

Goods per Siberia undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29:—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture, &c., at No. 13, Cairne Road.

Goods per Peninsular not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 39, Morrison Hill Road.

5.30 p.m.—Annual Meeting of Hongkong Benevolent Society at City Hall.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31:—

Noon—Meeting of Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Registered Office.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7:—

Regalia Dance at City Hall.

NOTICE.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1908.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM.

WHILE the civilized nations of the earth have recognised, to some extent, the necessity for uniformity in regard to postage and other matters connected with the interchange of correspondence between countries, nothing has been done in reference to currency. It is singular also that, while proposals for a common language have enlisted attention for many years, the pressing need of some common monetary system should have received but little notice. It is true that proposals have been made that Great Britain should adopt the decimal coinage but this would leave things much as they were. What is required is the adoption of a monetary system for international payments. A Frenchman, M. René de Saussure, has invented a system which appears to meet the requirements. Briefly his plan is that all countries should coin, for foreign payments, money with a "spesimilo" as the unit. The spesimilo's equivalents are 2.50 francs, 2 marks, 2 shillings, 0.50 U.S. dollar, 1 yen, 2.40 Austrian kronen, 1.80 Scandinavian kroner, 0.95 rouble, 0.45 Portuguese milreis, 0.50 Peruvian sol, 1.20 Dutch florin, 0.50 Mexican peso, and so on. The international monetary system established and the coins being in free circulation it is obvious that business transactions would be greatly simplified. The value of 10 spesimilos being fixed at a weight of 8 grammes gold of 23 carats considerations of exchange would not bulk nearly so large as they do now. Of course it is obvious that before such a system could be brought into operation details would have to be very carefully worked out. But there seems to be no reason why the great trading nations should not agree to this establishment of a coinage which would possess its face value in any country in which it was to be used. Between countries which had adopted the gold standard there could be no obstacle. Now the standard of the gold coins of different countries is not the same but with the adoption of M. René de Saussure's system this difficulty would disappear. Prices would be quoted by the British merchant to a Portuguese client say, in spesimilos and the task of referring to exchange tables would be obviated. Anything which tends to remove barriers from trade is to be encouraged and consequently we consider that the proposal briefly described above is well worth the attention of those engaged in international trade. The plan is more likely to commend itself as it is not suggested that national coinages as they exist now should be supplanted. Each nation would continue to use its own tokens and coins for domestic purposes. The spesimilo and its complementary coins would only be brought into use for international payments, although it is obvious that transport concerns, hotels and similar undertakings would readily accept the new money. It would be necessary for the Governments of the countries which entered the coinage agreement to undertake the issue of the coins through national banks in order that notes might be issued. In these days of extensive travel it would be of the utmost service to travellers to be able to carry coins and notes which would maintain their value at each place visited. It is to be hoped that M. René de Saussure's idea comes to practical fruition.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The French Mail of the 24th December was delivered in London on the 22nd inst.

In a few days the torpedo destroyers go to Mrs. Bay. The King Alfred leaves on Saturday for the South.

Admiral Moore leaves on the King Alfred on Saturday for Singapore. He will return next month.

Dr. G. E. Morrison, "The Times" Peking Correspondent, arrived by the Arcadia from Shanghai, on his way to Yunnan.

As it has been decided that the Duke of Connaught's statue shall remain where it is at present stands the Public Works Committee have recommended a design to the Government for a new pedestal.

The two robbers—Wong and Li—who were recently extradited from Hongkong have been executed at Canton. The execution took place on Jan. 21. The British Consul-General at Canton was invited to witness the execution reports the "Chinese Mail."

A Shanghai telegram to the "Chinese Mail" under date of yesterday says that repeated cablegrams from P. ince Ching to Shun Chun Hsen have been received, enquiring about the latter's health, and requesting him to proceed to Peking if his health permits him to do so.

At an evening performance of "Brewster's Millions," at Sydney Theatre Royal recently, an incident happened which caused the audience some amusement. Having successfully got rid of his legacy of \$250,000, in a year (in order to qualify himself for the acceptance of a rival legacy of two millions), Monty Brewster, five minutes before "time's up," says to his friends, "See, I haven't a penny in the world." Mr. Thomas Kingston, as Monty, in making this remark, turns his empty pockets out, to illustrate the truth of the statement. No sooner had he done this, than a man in the audience threw upon the stage a sovereign and half-a-crown. The possession of this money would have increased Brewster's troubles, when the lawyer, "from the other side," came on, so Mrs. Brewster (taking the part of Monty's friend, Mrs. Dan de Milo), held up the coins, and with great presence of mind, said, "I'll buy Monty a birthday present with these," and saved the situation. Having no visible means of support Mr. Kingston, as Monty, was able to take over the two millions. The money thrown on the stage has been sent to the Children's Hospital by the management of the theatre.

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THE WATCH CLUB.

Arrests at Shanghai.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, JANUARY 23.

Mr. Ivor Thomas, a well known Shanghai resident, has been arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences as the Manager of the Shanghai Watch Club.

Mr. Thomas was brought before the British Court and remanded.

Other actions are pending in the American Consular Court in connection with the Watch Club and other arrests are probable.

THE HARBOUR REFUGE.

A Few Suggestions.

At the last meeting of the Public Works Committee the question of a new refuge for small craft was considered.

The minutes by members on the general question of improving the existing Harbour of Refuge and providing a new one were read, and the following is a brief abstract of them:—

Mr. Kewick, Existing Harbour. Causeway Bay should be deepened so as to afford 10 feet depth along the North side, diminishing to 2 feet along the South side, as the area of the bay is insufficient, additional accommodation must be provided. New Harbour. A sheltered area of 100 acres is required. The Kennedy Town Scheme would be too costly and too small and, in a strong North-East wind, boats would be driven past it or wrecked on the breakwater. A breakwater at Cheung Sha Wan would be more sheltered than one at Mongkokkai and would therefore be less costly and for that and other minor reasons it was to be preferred.

Mr. Hewitt, Existing Harbour. Causeway Bay should be dredged as proposed by Mr. Kewick. New Harbour. This should be either at Mongkokkai or Cheung Sha Wan.

Mr. Thomas, Existing Harbour. The dredging of Causeway Bay should be carried out as an additional work. New Harbour. Kennedy Town Scheme is out of the question. No estimate has been given of the Cheung Sha Wan Scheme.

A report by Mr. Boulton, dated 3rd January, 1908, reviewing the progress made in the foregoing minutes, was read. It contained the following statements:—

Causeway Bay.—A comparison of old and new charts showed that no appreciable change of the foreshore had occurred since the establishment of the Colony. Of the 3 nullahs discharging into the bay, only one drains bare hills which are likely to yield debris and so produce silting; but this is counteracted by frequent dredging. The large dredgers in the Colony, which might possibly be hired for the work suggested, as it would be necessary, in order to provide flotation for them, to dredge to a depth far in excess of that specified. Special plant would have to be purchased to carry out the deepening suggested and, assuming that it were disposed of on completion of the work, the cost would probably amount to about \$500,000. The removal of all material above the level of low water of Ordinary Spring Tides could be done by manual labour and was estimated to cost about \$70,000.

New Harbour.—The cost of a breakwater at Cheung Sha Wan, enclosing an area of 160 acres, was estimated roughly at \$1,420,000 and, if the shallow areas opposite the ends of the breakwater had not been reclaimed by the time it was carried out, temporary groins would be required to restrict the width of the entrance. The scheme was shown on a tracing dated 23.7.04 in C.S.D. 5947/1905. A modified scheme to enclose an area of 100 acres at Cheung Sha Wan could be carried out at a cost estimated approximately at \$1,200,000. The objection to both these proposals was that they would prevent the carrying out of an extensive reclamation scheme for which the bay was well adapted.

The proposed breakwater at Mongkokkai was strengthened by the introduction of concrete blocks to a small extent, but otherwise it was of such a type as would be required at Cheung Sha Wan or elsewhere. Mongkokkai was nearer the centre of the harbour than Cheung Sha Wan—a very important consideration in the case of a sudden storm.

The Chairman read the report of a Public Works Committee meeting held on the 25th October, 1907, at which the various possible sites for a harbour of refuge were considered, the result being that the Mongkokkai site was unanimously recommended to Government.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

After full discussion, the members present agreed to the following recommendations:—

(a) In view of the proposed reclamation scheme at Cheung Sha Wan, the Mongkokkai scheme should be adopted as a condition should be made that the existing trading anchorage off Yaumati is not to be interfered with after the completion of the scheme.

(b) In view of the great expense involved in carrying out any extensive scheme of dredging at Causeway Bay, which is really unnecessary for the requirements of the craft seeking refuge there, steps should be taken to provide a shallow depth at low water of the area which at present dries at Low Water. This work should be regarded as an urgent one.

The Committee understood that the work recommended in (b) can be done by hand at a moderate cost.

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(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, JANUARY 23.

Mr. Ivor Thomas, a well known Shanghai resident, has been arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences as the Manager of the Shanghai Watch Club.

Mr. Thomas was brought before the British Court and remanded.

Other actions are pending in the American Consular Court in connection with the Watch Club and other arrests are probable.

THE HARBOUR REFUGE.

A Few Suggestions.

At the last meeting of the Public Works Committee the question of a new refuge for small craft was considered.

The minutes by members on the general question of improving the existing Harbour of Refuge and providing a new one were read, and the following is a brief abstract of them:—

Mr. Kewick, Existing Harbour. Causeway Bay should be deepened so as to afford 10 feet depth along the North side, diminishing to 2 feet along the South side, as the area of the bay is insufficient, additional accommodation must be provided. New Harbour. A sheltered area of 100 acres is required. The Kennedy Town Scheme would be too costly and too small and, in a strong North-East wind, boats would be driven past it or wrecked on the breakwater. A breakwater at Cheung Sha Wan would be more sheltered than one at Mongkokkai and would therefore be less costly and for that and other minor reasons it was to be preferred.

Mr. Hewitt, Existing Harbour. Causeway Bay should be dredged as proposed by Mr. Kewick. New Harbour. This should be either at Mongkokkai or Cheung Sha Wan.

Mr. Thomas, Existing Harbour. The dredging of Causeway Bay should be carried out as an additional work. New Harbour. Kennedy Town Scheme is out of the question. No estimate has been given of the Cheung Sha Wan Scheme.

A report by Mr. Boulton, dated 3rd January, 1908, reviewing the progress made in the foregoing minutes, was read. It contained the following statements:—

Causeway Bay.—A comparison of old and new charts showed that no appreciable change of the foreshore had occurred since the establishment of the Colony. Of the 3 nullahs discharging into the bay, only one drains bare hills which are likely to yield debris and so produce silting; but this is counteracted by frequent dredging. The large dredgers in the Colony, which might possibly be hired for the work suggested, as it would be necessary, in order to provide flotation for them, to dredge to a depth far in excess of that specified. Special plant would have to be purchased to carry out the deepening suggested and, assuming that it were disposed of on completion of the work, the cost would probably amount to about \$500,000. The removal of all material above the level of low water of Ordinary Spring Tides could be done by manual labour and was estimated to cost about \$70,000.

New Harbour.—The cost of a breakwater at Cheung Sha Wan, enclosing an area of 160 acres, was estimated roughly at \$1,420,000 and, if the shallow areas opposite the ends of the breakwater had not been reclaimed by the time it was carried out, temporary groins would be required to restrict the width of the entrance. The scheme was shown on a tracing dated 23.7.04 in C.S.D. 5947/1905. A modified scheme to enclose an area of 100 acres at Cheung Sha Wan could be carried out at a cost estimated approximately at \$1,200,000. The objection to both these proposals was that they would prevent the carrying out of an extensive reclamation scheme for which the bay was well adapted.

The proposed breakwater at Mongkokkai was strengthened by the introduction of concrete blocks to a small extent, but otherwise it was of such a type as would be required at Cheung Sha Wan or elsewhere. Mongkokkai was nearer the centre of the harbour than Cheung Sha Wan—a very important consideration in the case of a sudden storm.

The Chairman read the report of a Public Works Committee meeting held on the 25th October, 1907, at which the various possible sites for a harbour of refuge were considered, the result being that the Mongkokkai site was unanimously recommended to Government.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

After full discussion, the members present agreed to the following recommendations:—

(a) In view of the proposed reclamation scheme at Cheung Sha Wan, the Mongkokkai scheme should be adopted as a condition should be made that the existing trading anchorage off Yaumati is not to be interfered with after the completion of the scheme.

(b) In view of the great expense involved in carrying out any extensive scheme of dredging at Causeway Bay, which is really unnecessary for the requirements of the craft seeking refuge there, steps should be taken to provide a shallow depth at low water of the area which at present dries at Low Water. This work should be regarded as an urgent one.

The Committee understood that the work recommended in (b) can be done by hand at a moderate cost.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

HEAT WAVE IN AUSTRALIA.

Disastrous Bush Fires.

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LONDON, JANUARY 22.

It is reported from Melbourne that as a consequence of a heat wave which has passed over the Colony of Victoria there have been over a hundred deaths from heat apoplexy.

From the country districts disastrous bush fires are reported and scores of settlers' homesteads have been destroyed and many townships are threatened with destruction.

The losses in live stock have been enormous.

CRICKET.

England v. Tasmania.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

A match has been played at Launceston between the England Eleven and Tasmania.

England won the match by 120 runs.

CHINESE RAILWAY LOAN.

Underwritten in Britain and Germany.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

The Central News Agency reports that the underwriting of the forthcoming Chinese five millions railway loan, bearing five per cent. interest has been completed in England and Germany.

TIBET.

British Troops Remain.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, JANUARY 22.

In reply to the Chinese Foreign Office, the British Minister has stated that British troops will not evacuate Tibet until the Commercial treaty between the former country and India has been concluded.

[It may be remembered that a pretentious telegram from the Chinese Commissioner at Tibet to the Peking Government stated that the first instalment due to Great Britain for indemnity had been paid, and that a request might be made to the British Minister for the withdrawal of British troops from Tibet. Apparently acting on the advice of the Commissioner, a communication to the British Minister has been made, and the above is the reply. —Ed., O. N.]

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION.

LONDON, JANUARY 21.

Returns published in Washington show that there were 2334 fewer Japanese immigrants in the United States in December 1907, than in December 1906.

Ottawa reports that the report of the Deputy Minister for Labour, Mr. King, of his mission to British Columbia, points out that the Japanese Government is not concerned with immigration from Hawaii while the Canadian Companies were the cause of Japan departing from the policy of prohibiting the entrance of labourers. If the regulations were strictly observed, Japanese immigration was not likely to cause any serious embarrassment to Canada.

TURKEY AND PERSIA.

LONDON, JANUARY 21.

The "St. Petersburg Bourse Gazette" states that Turkish troops on the Persian frontier have been ordered to mobilize, and the reserves have been called out.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN GERMANY.

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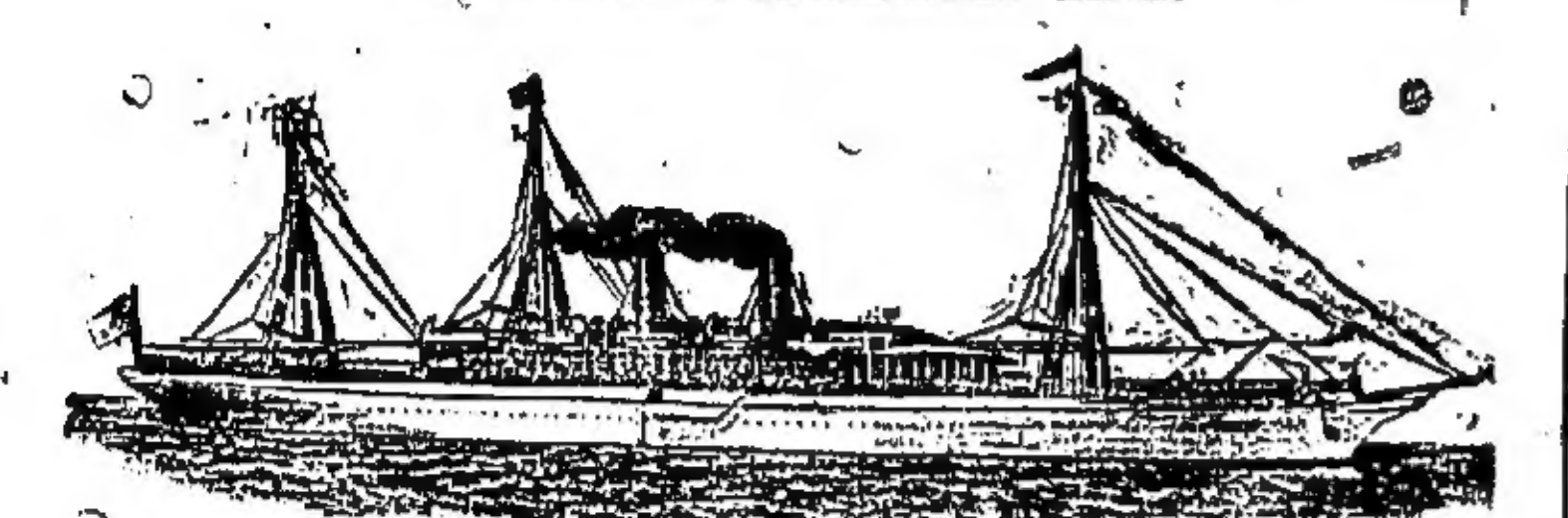
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AND YOKOHAMA	SUNDRA	24th Jan.	Freight and Passengers
LONDON AND ANTWERP	SUNDRA	24th Jan.	Freight and Passengers
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KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	SANUKI MARU, Tons 6112 Capt. S. J. G. Parsons	25th Jan., at Daylight.
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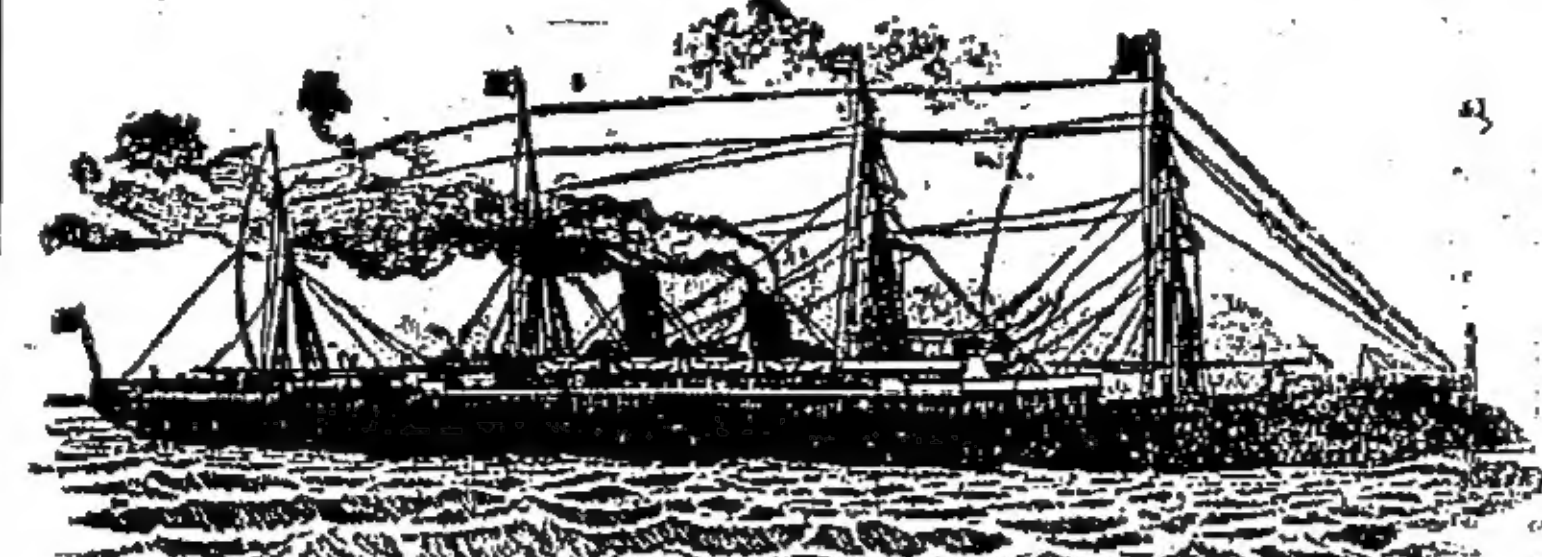
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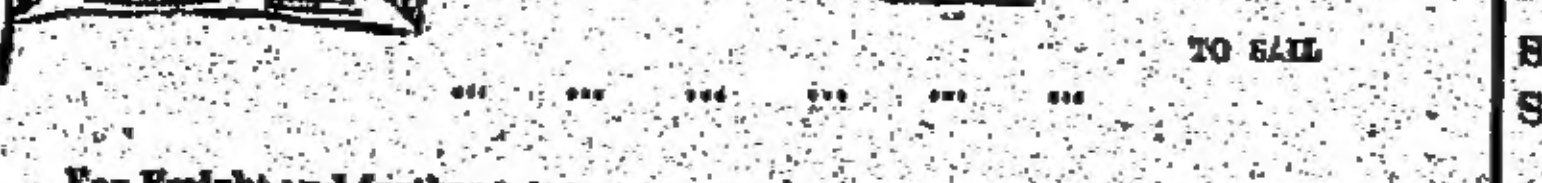
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship PRINZ HEINRICH,

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Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods

remaining undelivered after the 22nd of

January, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on the 22nd of January, at

9.30 a.m.

All claims must be made before the 26th

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recognized.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOERS & CO.,
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Hongkong, January 15, 1908.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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unless intimation is received from the

Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting

it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned, and Goods remaining

undelivered after MONDAY, the 27th

January, at Noon, will be subject to rent

and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or

before the 27th January, or they will not

be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined

on MONDAY, the 27th January at

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. MILLER,
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ARMS SMUGGLING.

A Swatow correspondent writes to a Shanghai paper: The authorities are very much alive at present to the need for vigilance with regard to the smuggling of arms. It has long been apparent that measures of prevention taken at Swatow are of little avail, as every harbour and bay on the coast is used by the smugglers. Now, however, the mandarins have taken the matter in hand, and a thorough supervision of the coastline of the Oh'ao and Hui prefectures is arranged for. The armed bands which infest the country are too often provided with weapons superior to those in the hands of the soldiers sent to suppress them. I witnessed the embarkation of a battery of eight-pounder guns the other day. It was a refreshing touch of the old China. The guns were carefully hooded, but badly kept; and the shells, exposed in anti-rust cases, were covered with rust. These were the weapons drafted off to Kwangsi to help in suppressing the rebellion!

A SAGHALIEN QUESTION.

Russian Concessionaires' Claims.

The "Japan Mail" remarks: The question which has been on the tapis for nearly two years with reference to the rights of Russian subjects on account of fishing concessions granted to them during the war or immediately subsequent to it, has now been settled. Our readers doubtless remember that the Russian claims were formulated as a right, and that the Japanese resolutely refused to recognise their legal character. The Russian concessionaires themselves probably attached little importance to the question of nomenclature. What they wanted was compensation, and it did not much matter to them under what name they received it. The Japanese, on their side, were willing to treat the matter in a friendly spirit, but between the amount which the concessionaires demanded and the amount which the Japanese were prepared to give, there was an interval too wide to be easily bridged. Things dragged on thus from month to month, the two great difficulties being, first, one of amount, and secondly, one of the nature of the claims. The Russian authorities not unreasonably insisted on using the term "compensation," whereas the Japanese remained obstinate in declining to treat on that basis. Meanwhile the new Commercial Treaty was negotiated; the Fishery Convention was signed; the *Entente* was concluded, and the prisoners' expenses were refunded. Nothing therefore remained between the two Governments except this singular difficulty, and the Foreign Office in Tokyo seems to have felt desirous of disposing of this last question as speedily as possible. It has therefore finally been decided, according to the Tokyo Press, that a sum of 1,200,000 yen shall be paid to the concessionaires in the form of a solution. This money comes out of the prisoners' maintenance fund and was to be handed over by Viscount Komura to the Russian Ambassador in London on the 23rd December.

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Roast—Shiu ..	20	20
Breast—Nagu Lam ..	15	15
Squid—Tong Yuk ..	16	16
Steak—Ngau Yau Pa ..	20	20
Canton Ngau Lau Steaks ..	30	30
Sausages—Ngau Cheung ..	28	28
Bullock's Brains—, 'Siow ..	per set 10	50
Tongue fresh—, 'Siow ..	each 50	50
corned—Ham Ngau Li ..	55	55
Head—Ngau Yau ..	80	80
Heart—Ngau Sun ..	12	12
Hump—Salt—Ngau Kin ..	20	20
Feet—Ngau Kerk ..	each 7	7
Kidneys—Ngau Yau ..	10	10
Tail—Ngau Mei ..	17	17
Liver—Ngau Con ..	12	12
Tripe (unwashed)—Ngau To ..	7	7
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau chat-tau-tak, set ..	1.00	1.00
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pal Kwai ..	14	14
Leg—Yeung Poi ..	24	24
Shoulder—Yeung Shau ..	22	22
Pigs' Chittings—Chi chong ..	24	24
Brains—Chi Know ..	per set 2	12
Feet—Ch Kerk ..	12	12
Fry—Chi Chak ..	24	24
Head—Chi Tai ..	22	22
Heart—Chi Sun ..	each 10	10
Kidneys—Chi Tin ..	10	10
Liver—Chi Con ..	10	10
Pork Chop—Chi Pal Kwai ..	24	24
Corned—Ham Ohi Yau ..	24	24
Leg—Chi Tai ..	24	24
Fat or Lard—Chi Yau ..	18	18
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tau Kerk set ..	55	55
Heart—Yeung Yau ..	each 6	10
Kidneys—Yeung Yau ..	10	10
Liver—Yeung Con ..	10	10
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chi Chai ..	12	12
Beef—Beef—Sang Ngau Yau ..	16	16
Mutton—Sang Yeung Yau ..	24	24
Veal—Ngau Chai Yau ..	20	20
Sausages—Ngau Chai Cheong ..	20	20

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai ..	30	30
Osprey, Large, Small—Shi Kai ..	28	28
Ducks—Ay ..	20	20
Doves—Pan Kau ..	each 13	13
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan ..	per dozen 24	24
Fowls, Canton—Kai ..	15	33
.. Haitan—Hol Nam Kai ..	28	28
Geese—Ngai ..	22	22
Geese, Wild Shai—Shi Yee Ngai, pairs ..	each	65
Musk Deer—Wong Keng ..	65	65
Hare, Shanghai—Ta Chai ..	65	65
Partridge—Che Kow ..	65	65
Pheasant—Shan Kai ..	pair \$1.60	1.60
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap ..	each 27	27
.. Holbow—Hol Hoi Pak Kap ..	25	25
Quail—Tun Chien ..	15	15
Rice Birds—Wo Pa Cheuk ..	dozen 7	7
Snipe—Shi Choy ..	each 20	20
Turkeys, Cook—Phor Kai Kung ..	60	60
.. Hen—Ni ..	45	45
Wild Ducks, Shai—Shanghai Shai-pai ..	55	55
.. Shai Ap, Chai ..	55	55
Wild Ducks, Canton—Sang Shing Shai Ap, ..	90	90

Fish.

Barbel—Kai Ya ..	15	9
Bream—Bin Yu ..	13	13
Cajon Fresh Water Fish—Hol Shi Yu ..	14	14
Carp—Li Yu ..	15	15
Catfish—Chik Yu ..	11	11
Codfish—Mun Yu ..	24	24
Crabs—Hoi ..	28	28
Octile Fish—Muk Yp ..	13	13
Dab—Sa Mang Yu ..	14	14
Dace—Wong Mai Lan ..	10	10
Dog Fish—Tik Tu Sa ..	3	3
Eel, Congo—Hoi Mann ..	14	14
.. Fresh water—Tik Si Yu ..	14	14
Eel, Yellow—Wong Shi ..	24	24
Frog—Tien Kai ..	28	28
Gardoon—Sek Pau ..	49	49
Gardoon—Pak Kip Yu ..	11	11
Herring—Tao Pak ..	18	18
Hallbut—Cheung Kwan Kip ..	24	24
Lahon—Wong Yu Yu ..	18	18
Loach—Wo Yu ..	28	28
Loach—Lung Ha ..	18	18

